case of urea, the Government has recently announced the pricing policy for investment to be made in (a) new and expansion projects of urea; and (b) existing non-gas based urea units converting to natural gas/LNG for feedstock/fuel. In order to augment indigenous availability of urea, IFFCO and KRIBHCO the multi-state cooperative societies, are setting up a joint venture in Sur, Oman with Oman Oil Company. Besides, KRIBHCO has proposed to set up an expansion project at Hazira with an annual capacity of 10.56 lakh MT. On the other hand, installed capacity 54.20 lakh MT in nutrient terms) of phosphatic fertilizers is sufficient enough to meet the current level of requirement (average consumption of 46.47 lakh MT of last three years). As regard MOP, the country is dependent totally on imports in the absence of any exploitable reserves of potash in the country.

(d) Additional supply of 16.52 lakh MT per annum of urea will be available from July, 2005 onward to the country from the Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project (OMIFCO) for the next 15 years.

Prices of chemical fertilizers

†95. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of chemical fertilizers have increased in the country during the last four years;

(b) if so, the prices of various types of fertilizers as on 2nd May, 2004;

(c) to what extent these prices were higher, in terms of percentage, than the prices of fertilizers in may, 2000; and

(d) the. amount of subsidy given by Government in fertilizers sector in the year ending March, 2000 and the year ending March, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Maximum retail prices/indicative MRPs of various fertilizers as on 2nd May, 2004 and the percentage increase from the MRPs/indicative MRPs of May, 2000 are given in the table below:

SI.No.	Name of fertilizer	MRP/Indicative MRPs as on 2.5.2004 (Rs./tonne)	%increase from May. 2000
1.	Urea	4830	5.0
2.	Di-ammonium phosphate (DAP)	9350	5.06
3.	Muriate of Potash (MOP)	4455	4.70
	Complex fertilizers		
4.	10:26:26	8360	6.09
5.	12:32:16	8480	6.53
6.	14:28:14	8300	6.14
7.	14:35:14	8680	6.91
8.	15:15:15	6980	5.44
9.	16:20:00	7100	5.34
10.	17:17:17	8100	5.47
11.	19:19:19	8300	5.87
12.	20:20:00	7280	5.81
13.	23:23:00	8000	6.10
14.	28:28:00	9080	6.57
15.	Single Super Phosphate (SSP)	MRPs are indicated by State Governments.	

(d) The amount of subsidy/concession paid on urea and decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during the year ending March, 2000 and the year ending March, 2004 is given in the table below:

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Amount of subsidy paid on urea	Amount of concession paid on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers
Year ending March, 2000 (1999-2000)	8744.07	4500.00
Year ending March, 2004 (2003-04)	8521.00	3326.00